

Aleister Crowley (Edward Alexander Crowley), English poet, mountaineer, novelist & occultist,  
12 Oct 1875 author of many books.  
1 Dec 1947--72 years

Letter dated 9 Mch 1911, headed "THE EQUINOX", which was the occult journal Crowley published 1909-14 (eccentrically--& typically--followed by a single issue in 1919). It was subtitled

. Contributors included Crowley's friend Frank Harris. : George Raffalovich contributed both money & copy to The Equinox, & was a member of Crowley's occult Order of the Silver Star, as was the palmist "Cheiro" (Count Louis Hamon). Raffalovich broke with Crowley in 1911, the year of this letter. He had once given Crowley a donation of L 5,000.

Dear Taylor,

I hear that there is difficulty about the prize-money of Raffalovich's competition. This seems impossible, as you personally guaranteed its bona-fides when I objected to have my name mixed up with it. Had you not done so, I should have taken very strong steps to dissociate myself from it. In view of your guarantee, I am extremely astonished & angry, & can only suppose that there is a mistake somewhere. I hope this matter will be set right without further delay.

With regard to Raffalovich's bill for L 20, I will renew for a month if I get another name (and a good one) on the bill, and a sovereign for the trouble.

Owing to my Scotch lawsuits, I am in a very awkward position, or I should be glad to continue to help Raffalovich in spite of his changed attitude to me. As it is, I must think of myself for a change.

Yours very truly

Aleister Crowley

9-3-11.

THE EQUINOX.  
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Yours very truly,  
Alister Hardy